Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Sir, he cannot even say when the incident took place.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: 13th or 14th for the enlightenment of the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: I request the Hon'ble Member not to interrupt me. I am on my legs. When the Hon'ble Member himself does not know the facts and figures, there is no use of wasting the time of the House by entering into a discussion on the admissibility of this matter. The only thing that you can do is to straightaway disallow the motion.

Mr. President: To-morrow, necessarily, there will be some discussion on the ruling whether it relates to this or to the former.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: We have already wasted sufficient time over this matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: It is the Chair to decide that and not you.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: But he can give his opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: This is not the place for giving out opinion.

Mr. President: Order, order.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: The point I wanted to make, Sir, is this. The Hon'ble mover had a duty, to come posted with all the relevant material of this matter which will help the Chair to come to a decision on its admissibility. He has not done so. And when he is asked by you to give him certain information he says he wants time till the afternoon That is not the proper procedure on a matter like this. Sufficient material has not been placed before you by the mover. Under the circumstances the only thing that the Chair can do about this is to disallow the motion here and now. That, Sir, is my point.

Mr. President: I think there is no harm in postponing the ruling on this point also for to-morrow, after hearing the Government on the previous ruling of the President.

3. Demands for Supplementary Grants

(XVII) Libraries

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: Sir, I move that an amount of Rs. 4,321 under, Libraries, be granted. A separate Department for Libraries has been constituted with effect from 5th Makaram 1122. No provision had been made to meet the pay, allowances, T.A. and contingencies of the Director of Libraries and his staff. To start with the Director of Libraries has been given the following staff. They are all mentioned in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. Provision has to be made for the pay, allowance and T.A. of the staff and other items of contingencies. The total comes to Rs. 5,977. Of this a sum of Rs. 205 is available by transfer from the Panchayat Department under Establishment. Hence, an additional allotment for Rs. 4,071 is required. Under grants to Libraries the amounts available by transfer from the Panchayat and Education Departments are Rs. 21,694 and Rs. 2,471 respectively. A sum of Rs. 250 more is required for the lump sum contribution to Libraries. An additional allotment of Rs. 250 is therefore necessary under Grants to Libraries. Thus a sum of Rs. 4,321 (Rs. 4,071 under Establishment votable and Rs. 250 under Grants) is required as additional allotment.

Mr. President: There is a cut motion from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

CUT MOTION No. 4

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, I move that the demand for Rs. 4,321 under Libraries be reduced by Re. 1 as noted in the cut motion to congratulate the Government for the constitution of a separate Department for Libraries.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Sir, I wish to raise a point of order, that no cut motion can be moved to congratulate but only to show that the demand asked for is excessive. It is only for that purpose that cut motions are generally moved when demands for supplementary grants are made. If, for example, the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri thinks that the amount of Rs. 4,321 asked for is excessive, he can move a cut; if he does not want the demand to be passed, he can oppose it, but this occasion cannot be made use of, to congratulate Government.

Mr. President: That is to say the Hon'ble minister thinks that the result of congratulating the Government will be a reduction in the grant by one rupee. That is the situation that has arisen.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It is really regrettable that the Council proceedings dated 22nd November 1946 which contains a similar situation, *viz.*, to congratulate the identical Minister, the Minister for Food and Education, for the very laudable thing that he did by giving full dearness allowance to the aided school teachers moved, Sir, not as a cut motion, but even without it, is not noted by the Minister. I raised this point then and posted it thus can anybody speak Sir", and was allowed then to speak. I do know that this is a cut motion and the matter is open to discussion and I reduce the scope of the discussion to congratulate the Government for one good thing done as worded by them. Where is the scope for any fear, I wonder!

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Absolutely no fear, Sir, I am only referring to the procedure. If you want to congratulate the Government, then you can support the demand.

Mr. President: What is the precedent the Hon'ble Member is referring to ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the absence of even a cut motion, I was allowed to congratulate the Minister on a previous occasion when he came forward to demand for the payment of dearness allowance to teachers and he reciprocated the feelings on that occasion and it will be seen in the printed proceedings of the last session. There is nothing in the rules that a cut motion cannot be moved for congratulating Government.

Mr. President: Eventhough, it might appear incongruous that the cut motion reducing a grant cannot be to move, to congratulate the Government, I think in as much as the cut motion seeks an opportunity to fulfil the purpose, the cut motion, I think, is in order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, on the strength of this I move again that the demand for Rs. 4,321 under Libraries be reduced by one rupee to congratulate the Government for the constitution of a separate Department for Libraries. Of course, as every body knows libraries are absolutely necessary in these days even in semi civilised countries not to speak of a civilised country like Cochin. And within a few months after our representatives occupied the treasury benches within a few days we find that what ought to have been done much earlier was done without much loss of time. I think Sir, that ordinary notions of propriety demand that a good thing is called by its appropriate name, viz., good, a bad thing be called by its most appropriate name "very bad". It is with that feeling Sir, that I thought to move this cut and under your ruling I have to move. There is another side of the picture which is the subject matter of the next motion. I shall give it later. The present attempt is really to congratulate. Libraries in Cochin are well known to be not of the type, in any way not of the type that libraries ought to be. There are in this world Sir, libraries whose shelves have been recorded not by any rough calculation, but by correct measurements, where the shelves of the libraries have been noted as 55 miles long for example the British Museum. Libraraies containing books held by shelves to the length of 55 miles—that is the ideal, or approximate ideal. Now, when compared to that Sir, our libraries cannot be called as libraries. For the first step taken in this direction namely the creation of a separate department I heartly congratulate the Government. I have nothing more to add. I am sorry that I am responsible for having tabled a cut motion which has brought forth an objection from the Hon'ble Minister whose action it was proposed to be the subject of a cut to congratulate the Government. Yes, events in Cochin have come to that. Intentions are suspected. Motives are attributed. Shall I heartly congratulate the Minister for what he has done.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I gladly accept the congratulation and pray that the amount may not be reduced.

Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I wish to reciprocate the sentiment expressed by my friend, and I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

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